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Memorandum

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DATE: August 23, 1977 25X1

Chairman, Security Committee

FROM:

Dennis E. Southern

Treasury Representative

SUBJECT:

Community-Wide Adherence to DCID 1/14

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 12, 1977, regarding the above-named subject.

The following comments are offered in response to the points as set forth in your memorandum.

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- 2a. The investigative standards are considered adequate enough to meet intelligence community needs. However, it may be of value to consider whether or not to incorporate SCI standards into position eligibility requirements when recruiting for position vacancies when it is known in advance that the particular position will require access to SCI.
- 2b. The current minimum standards are considered sufficient to ensure comparability of SCI screening among intelligence community agencies.
- 2c. The re-investigations of personnel provided access to SCI do not exceed a five year recurrent basis as required by the DCID.
- 2d. The Department of the Treasury has developed a security orientation program which is provided to employees granted access to national security information and material. This program stresses each individuals responsibility for exercising care and vigilance in complying with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11652 and the National Security Council Directive of May 17, 1972. We also stress certain types of undue influence or duress to which they may be subjected through

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exploitable personal conduct or foreign relationships. This program did not get into full swing until the early part of 1977, therefore, we cannot estimate the number of participants during the course of a year. Our employees will be reorientated every five years.

2e. As concerns SCI access, it might be of value to all Government agencies concerned if a central point was established whereby one agency could obtain information about an individual being considered for access to SCI, especially if that individual had previous been denied SCI access by another agency. In the event any individual is ever denied access to SCI, the justification for the denial would be filed at the central point whereby such information would be available for other agencies who would be considering the same individual for such access. This central point would automatically be checked whenever any person was to be considered for SCI access.

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